

40 some man or less. To John Clark my brother son to be raised
 him after my death till the boy is of age. I leave the care of my son
 David to my cousin Duncan to raise him as he see proper after my death
 till he is of age I also leave my youngest daughter to Gilbert Clark my
 Cousin and leave my son James to John Clark Gilbert brother and I
 desire them three men that raise the three youngest children may have
 2^l & 10^s a year from the age they are ^{when they are 12 years old in case} ~~at that time~~ ^{my eldest daughter and the}
 care of my son David and my son Archibald I leave in care of William my son
 to William my son I give power and authority to my wife to sell the place
 Lalin and to buy five pieces of land elsewhere they see proper I also
 give them liberty to buy out of said boys money a share of cattle and on
 the land that they if they see cause let them have the benefit and discharge
 let stand to the damage of it it is advised that all to raise my
 youngest son with is to be taken out of the price of the plantation or out of the
 rents of it and I desire also if the place is sold that the price be equally
 divided between the three boys. I do constitute and appoint my cousin
 Gilbert Clark living on Barbours creek south side of the North and
 Archibald & John Clark my sons to be my sole executors to execute the
 my last will and testament according to the true intent and
 meaning thereof I do like wise order that my children shall have nothing
 according to my wife shall see proper and my son pay for his bearing
 out of his money as witnesses my hand this day and year of them written
 29th John Black John Clark John Black John Clark
Robert Boyd Gilbert McCallop William Clark

Registered in the Register office Duplin Co. N.C. 23 Dec 1761
 in book Letter Q Folio 100 by me John Deane Register
 In the name of God Amen I John Carrill Senior being sick and
 of sound mind and memory and feeling to mind the importance
 of this transitory life do make this my last will and testament
 First I give and bequeath my soul to the almighty god that gave to
 John Carrill and my body to the ground to be decently buried as my wife hereafter
 named shall direct to and as for the worldly estate which it hath pleased
 god to bless me with I leave in manner and form following desiring my
 executor to execute the same according to the intent I give and bequeath to
 my beloved wife Mary Carrill my whole estate as lands and all other
 estate during her life or widowhood except such things as shall be
 hereafter mentioned &c

John Carrill

Item I give and bequeath to my son John Carrill the plantation
 whereon I now live with all the appurtenances thereto belonging after the
 death or enter marriage of his mother Mary Carrill to
 And I give and bequeath all my worldly estate to be equally divided
 among my beloved children herein named to my son John Carrill Joseph
 Carrill and my daughter Darcas Carrill & Rachel Carrill after the
 death or enter marriage of their moithers. except one boy here named by the
 name of Gabriel which sd boy I desire to be sold and the price
 equally divided the rest of my estate I give & bequeath to
 my beloved wife Mary Carrill and my beloved son John Carrill to
 be my executors to see that all the above articles be duly executed. I
 witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this the 12th day of
 December January 1761 signed in presence John Carrill
 of us Deputies Justices John ^{his} John John Henry Hollingsworth

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State of North Carolina } July Term 1799
 Duplin County }

There was shewn and proved in open Court by the oath of James Williams
 and Lewis Smith two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and at the same
 time James Planters one of the executors named in said will came
 before the Court & qualified as & ex according to law - ordered that
 letters issue see annexed. Rich^d W^m Deane C. C.

State of North Carolina }
 Duplin County } In the name of God Amen I John

John Cook

Cook of the County and State aforesaid being of sound mind and
 memory and calling to mind the mortality of my body that it is appointed
 for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and
 testament in manner and form following to wit. First I commit my soul
 to god that gave it hoping through the mercy of god my blessed
 redeemer to receive pardon for all my sins and my body I want
 to the earth from whence it came to be buried at the discretion of my
 wife and as touching such worldly goods as it has pleased god to bless
 me with I give and dispose of in the following manner to wit
 1st I give to my beloved son Reuben Cook one amuse fatten hnd &
 my gun next I give to my daughter Pearly Planters all the cattle &
 sheep with their increase that I lent to James Planters and one
 further debt, two horses and two hogs and one fatten hnd and
 furniture one hog and hatter two iron pots and one tea pot

and one milk pail & half a dozen of tea spoons one cutting shaver one iron
 wedge one half a dozen tea cups and saucers one pair and on paper tin chain
 and one basket and one chest to her and her heirs for ever and also two
 cows and yearlings and their increase to her and her heirs forever
 Next I give to my son Jesse Cook one pewter dish and two plates
 and two dollars and his heirs forever - Next I give to my son Thomas
 Cook all my carpenter tools and one pewter basin and my man buckle
 and saddle next I give to be his son Thomas Cook Next I give to my
 son Andrew Cook all my cooper tools & two small hoes and one
 sifter and one cow & her heifer & yearling known by the name of
 red cow to him and his heirs Next I give to my son John Cook
 one shilling sterling for his part of my estate. Next I give to my daughter
 Sarah Martin one shilling sterling for her part of my estate
 Next I give to the heirs of my son William Cook one shilling sterling for
 their part of my estate. Next I give to my daughter Amy Piper one shilling
 sterling for her part of my estate. Next I give to the heirs of my daughter
 Elizabeth Houston one shilling sterling for their part of my estate
 Next I give to my daughter Mary Martin one shilling for her part of my
 estate. And for the eyes of this my last will and testament I constitute
 and appoint my son Thomas Cook & James Blanton Esq. to be my
 last will and testament. In witness whereof I the said John Cook has set
 my hand and seal this 2nd day of March 1797 & said seal
 published and declared by the said John Cook as his last will & testament
 in the presence of us Charles Mianus Frederick Cook Lewis & Smith
 John Cook

State of North Carolina }
 Duplin County } April Court 1793

Then was the within will proved in open this court by the oath of Mr
 Southland in due form of law and ordered to be filed.

Test Masters C. G.

John July Court 1793 James Hillipin one of the Esqs named in the within
 will came before the court and qualified by taking the oath of an Esq
 according to law. Ordered that he sit as such accordingly

Test Mr Dickson C. G.

In the name of God Amen. I John Carter being desirous of settling
 my worldly concerns being well assured in the certainty for all men
 mortal. Do make this my last will and testament in manner

following that is to say I bequeath my soul to almighty God that grants hoping for
 mercy through the merits of my dear redeemer and my body to be decently buried at
 the discretion of my Esqs herein after named. First I leave and bequeath to my wife
 Rachel Carter four cows and colts one small size fat one large basin one
 iron sifter. Next I leave unto my son George Green Carter all my lands and improvement
 nine cows and eight colts with their increase forever two fat two small pullets basins
 and one half a dozen pewter spoons and further my will is that my wife Rachel
 shall have power to sell or otherwise use all the male kind of my own stock
 as commons or myself shall require and to use her moneys to employ
 the old ones for young breeding cattle and further my will is that my wife
 Rachel shall use my moneys to have her now instructed in reading
 writing & figures and hereby I constitute and appoint my said wife Rachel
 Carter and James Hillipin my Esqs of this my last will & testament hereby
 revoking all and all manner of former wills. Witness my hand and seal
 this 2nd day of March 1797. Signed Sealed and delivered in the
 presence of Williams Southland W. M. Sheffield

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Wm and James Southland
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In the name of God Amen. this the 16th day of March in the year of
 our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety one I Patrick Canady
 of Duplin County and province of North Carolina being of perfect mind and
 memory and understanding do make and ordain this my last will &
 testament in manner & form. Following that is to say First I recommend
 my soul to God my heavenly father who gave it to me which I trust and hope
 shall be received into eternal rest and happiness and my body I commit
 to earth to be buried at the discretion of my Esqs and that he be decently
 buried that is to say in a Christianlike burial. and as touching Duplin
 County
 Canady
 mine of my personal goods I give and bequeath as follows

First that all my funeral charges shall be paid. Secondly that all my just debts be paid
 Then I give and bequeath to my eldest son and well beloved Patrick Canady
 my plantation whereon I now live with one hundred acres of land belonging
 to some together with one feather bed & furniture together with my next known
 to be a barrow together with three pullets two tin yellow basins and
 a large water dish likewise one cow & calf the cow a black & yearling
 red fide a cow yearling both of my own property. Likewise I give and
 bequeath unto my son James a cow & calf one I had of my father and
 three iron bars and one set of iron wedges. Then I give and bequeath my
 eldest daughter Elizabeth Canady the remaining half of my tract of land